# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Violation of FSS Act
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of violation of provisions of Food Safety and Standard (FSS) Act reported and registered along with action taken against the offenders during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government issues necessary guidelines to States to check adulteration of food/edible items during festivals, if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to ensure compliance in this regard; and

(c) the details of cases registered for adulteration of food/edible items during festival season along with the action taken against the offenders, State/UT-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): As per information made available by the State/UT Governments to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the numbers of samples of food products collected, analysed, samples found adulterated/misbranded and action taken during the year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (1st April to 30th September, 2015) are at Annexure-I, II, and III respectively.
(b): The implementation and enforcement of Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 primarily rests with the State/UT Governments. FSSAI regularly takes up the issue of enforcement of the provisions of the Act and regulations thereunder with the State/UT authorities, through periodic written communications as also interaction during the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee. A Surveillance Plan for States has been prepared by a Working Group of Food Safety Commissioners taking into account various parameters including consumption pattern for cultural/festival occasions.
Further, in order to pay a focused attention to the adulteration of milk and milk products, a special cell has been created in the FSSAI. Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare has vide D.O. letter dated 13.02.2016 also requested the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs to issue instructions to the administrative and police authorities to extend all possible cooperation to the food safety authorities in carrying out surveillance activities to check food adulteration and manufacture/sale of sub-standards food items. Further, random sampling and testing of food products, etc. is undertaken by the officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/UTs to check compliance of the standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 and Regulations thereunder. In cases, where the food samples are found to be non-conforming to the prescribed standards, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006.
(c): No separate data on cases registered for adulteration of food/edible items during festival season is maintained centrally.